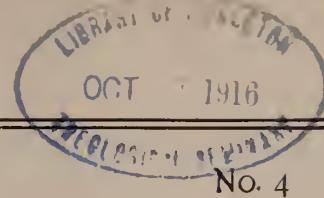


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Memorial

Mrs. Henry Johnson

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*'Call me not dead, when I indeed have gone,
Into the company of the ever living,
High and glorious.'*

World wide will be the sympathy as these tidings are carried far and near, for a great void has been made in our ranks. A brief record of Mr. Johnson was written for these pages, we little realizing that in nine days a greater loss would follow. We can only echo the pathetic lamentation of David: "They were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided."

Mrs. Johnson took great pleasure in tracing her connection with our Union Society from its early days, when she resided in Chicago. Mrs. William H. Harris, one of our Charter members, had sent out papers on *zenana* work in care of her husband during a business tour, with a plea to interest some consecrated women in this new form of mission service in India. These met with a hearty response from Mrs. Johnson. The Union element, and unsalaried officers of the Society, so strongly appealed to her that a meeting was speedily appointed in the church she attended. Her faith was honored when, as she said, "I expected a few Christian women would respond, but was more than surprised to find the place crowded to the door." Thus began our Chicago Branch, to which we owe our Mary A. Merriman Orphanage in Cawnpore, India, and kindred

agencies for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

Removing in 1869 to Boston, Mrs. Johnson identified herself with the Branch established there in 1860, and in 1871 assumed the office of Treasurer, in which she continued until 1906. It was inspiring to hear the story of her visit, one stormy night, to Bishop Phillips Brooks, then Rector of Trinity Church, and the enthusiasm in *zenana* work at once kindled in the noble responsive heart of that great Herald of the Cross. Interesting many prominent workers in his congregation, a *Zenana* Society was promptly organized, and the support of Miss Sarah F. Gardner was pledged, this connection only ceasing with the death of our devoted missionary in 1903, when her substitute was adopted.

Coming in 1873 to reside in New York, Mrs. Johnson identified herself with the Board of our Society, and from 1886 to 1906 served as its President. Her resignation from this office was made to take up a most important service in the Society, that of "Secretary for Specific objects," for which her inclination and experience admirably fitted her.

Her especial gift was in this individual correspondence, which her persuasive

pleas invariably carried to success. The zeal of many an indifferent or wavering contributor, was warmed to the glowing point by her representations of the necessity for help, and the loss which would come to the individual who relinquished the priceless privilege of spreading the "Glad tidings" through our channels.

Although *zenana* work was dearer to Mrs. Johnson than all else in our missions, she became identified with the evangelistic work our missionary, Mrs. Louise H. Pierson, inaugurated in Japan in 1884, and her most absorbing correspondence was in this direction.

A friendship with Dr. Ezra P. Hoyt was greatly stimulated by a gift from him in memory of his wife, which resulted in the establishment in 1898 of the Mary S. Ackerman Hoyt Hospital at Jhansi, India. Her last interests were absorbed in the building of the Surgical Hospital in memory of Maria Ackerman Hoyt, whose dedication she ardently desired as it neared completion.

In recalling thus briefly this valuable life which has just closed here on earth, we must catch great inspiration, as we dwell on two characteristics which crowned her labors with such success: *Complete consecration* and *Unwavering fidelity*. Undaunted by repeated attacks of illness, when laid aside, she kept the interests of our Society in her prayers and thoughts, planning for its growth and more perfect methods of conducting its management. Before entire restoration, she was at her post writing her convincing letters, and as she often said, "My share of the work has not suffered."

An attractive, refined personality, added to her many gifts of character, and a store of apt illustrations drawn

from a varied experience, conveyed many a lesson of wisdom in a gentle, often facetious manner, which carried weight in our councils and was irresistible.

Although she had been connected with varied benevolences, such as the "Flower and Fruit Mission" and Colored Orphan Asylum, as our Union Society broadened its activities, she was impressed with the power which could only come by concentrating her energies in this direction, until as a close personal friend said at her last service, "She lived but for her husband, and the Missionary Society."

One could never meet her without being impressed with her deep spirituality, her absolute trust in her Saviour and in prayers to Him, and her unswerving faith in the Bible, which literally was the daily inspiration of her life. Born in New England, she reproduced the sterling traits of the ancestors who won that land for God, and no appeal was greater to her, than sanctified common sense.

At the announcement of her death a request was made for the omission of flowers, which all who knew and valued her would like to have lavished upon her. Would it not be possible for us to make an offering to her memory, by endowing a bed in the new Surgical Hospital at Jhansi, which she had on her heart? Would not this service to some suffering Oriental woman or child, perpetuate the beautiful self-abnegating work of one who labored by our side in all the years of our existence?

Dwelling on the bliss she is now enjoying, we humbly repeat the petition for Ascension, "Exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is."

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This Society was organized in 1860, and is the pioneer of Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies in America.

It is undenominational, and so it presents a united Christian front to the heathen world.

It is carried on entirely by women, with unsalaried officers.

Its aim is the salvation and elevation of heathen women.

"Win for Christ," its motto.

been more faithful and helpful than the Christian Churches in India. It is marvelous what blessings have been vouchsafed to them during the last century, and what work they have accomplished. In my capacity as Governor, I welcome this Bible Society in the work that we all have in this country."

A RECENT mission organized in 1907 in the Tirhoot district of India, has met with extraordinary success. Rev. J. O. Denning writes: "Our work is opening so rapidly that we are utterly unable to keep up with it, with our present staff of workers. The harvest is being garnered. Two thousand sheaves are already brought in, and hundreds of thousands are waiting for reapers.

"This work is nearly all confined to the Chamar caste, of whom 121,000 are in the Arrah circuit, and all of them seem prepared of the Lord to receive the Gospel at this time. On the Ballia circuit, just across the Ganges, a similar condition obtains, where we have 1,400 new converts in the same caste."

THOUGHTFUL observers of conditions in the Orient state: "Within a quarter of a century the Christian press in China and Japan, has overturned the mythologies of paganism, taught a higher morality, changed fiction for fact, symbol to reality, and in so doing has mortified the pride of paganism, confounded its learning, revealed its absurdities, and ruined its credit. One singular and startling result of the diffusion of modern ideas is the establishment of at least one journal, in every one of the twenty-one provinces of the Chinese Empire. Each of the most important centers—Peking, Shanghai, Tientsin, and Canton—possesses at least a dozen dailies, nearly all of which are printed in the spoken vernacular. For the first time in the history of the most venerable of Empires, the masses of the people can become immediately acquainted with current events."

THIS serious arraignment of educational advantages in India has an especial interest for us. "Less than three per cent. of the women of the land, its wives and its mothers, can read the alphabet. This statement may sound like an impeachment of the British administration, which has had the direction of Indian affairs for a century, but it is true. To the student of affairs, if the English rule in India has anywhere been grossly negligent and inept, it has been in the matter of public education. The great mass of the common people have been left in besotted ignorance. There is on foot at the present time a proposition to widely spread elementary education, but even this, if it be not accompanied by industrial education, will scarcely afford the means for India's regeneration. One of the things which *must* be done for the true advancement of India is the education of all her children."

THE Governor of Madras at the opening of the new building of the Bible Society made a sympathetic address, in which he said: "We are carrying on always a campaign against human frailty, human weakness and sin. Thank God, we have allies to help us in carrying on operations for that campaign, and among those allies none have



MARGARET WILLIAMSON HOSPITAL

IN EASTERN LANDS.

CHINA—SHANGHAI.

A BLESSED YEAR.

By DR. ELIZABETH REIFSYNDER.

THE year that has closed, marked an epoch in the history of the Medical Work of the Woman's Union Mission here, since it was twenty-five years ago, September 1st, that the first medical missionary arrived. While the Hospital work proper did not begin until almost two years later (since the Hospital had to be built and the language studied), patients were seen from the very beginning, to a certain extent, and a Dispensary was opened in the native city early in 1884. It can be said that the work is a quarter of a century old; "getting on in years," as some may say.

Year by year the numbers seen, especially at the Dispensary, have steadily increased, thus giving greater opportunities for the spread of the Gospel, the first and greatest object of the Hospital. It is a satisfaction to know that there are Chinese women, filled with the Spirit, who can talk to these waiting crowds, day after day. One of these women is especially gifted as a speaker, and is sought after for many meetings, because "she knows

just what to say and how to say it," and is always ready. This woman is *Mrs. Day*; may the Lord grant her many more years of service! Although past sixty, this is a land where old preachers are not set aside because of age; the older they get, the more they are respected.

As will be seen by the figures below, over fifty-one thousand heard the Gospel, many no doubt for the first time, which means that the way has been opened for the next messenger, and her, or his message.

Over fifty-one thousand to be treated! A goodly number, but they did not all come in one day, something for which to be thankful; and there were more physicians than ever before, something else for which to be thankful. Having four physicians, the labor was so divided that it did not fall too heavily upon any one person. The daily average was about 167.

This past year will also be remembered as one in which there were no arrivals, no departures, and no serious illness among the foreign medical staff. Miss Elizabeth Irvine was taken very ill early in July, and for some days her life was "hanging by a thread," so to speak, but through the providence of God she was spared, and we render unto Him thanks, for she is a very familiar figure in our Hospital

Wards and by the bedsides, where she tells the patients "of Jesus and His love."

Among the Chinese assistants there have been no losses either by marriage or death, one being as disastrous to the work as the other, since we cannot get trained assistants, and to lose a good assistant after having had her for years, is a calamity. Through such crises we have passed many times. Faithfully have our assistants done their work, and happy have they been in it. One of the druggists had to undergo a grave operation in March. She was taken alarmingly ill one morning, and no time was lost in operating. Being an earnest Christian and having faith in God and woman, her "heart was very peaceful." Only when speaking about her two little girls did her eyes fill with tears. She was only laid by for a few weeks, but is now as strong and well as ever; another cause for gratitude. This druggist, being a widow, is especially valuable, since respectable Chinese widows rarely marry, hence are very desirable in work for women, for reasons that are obvious.

The year has gone on quietly and peacefully, only far too rapidly. Nothing "blood-curdling or thrilling" have we to relate, just the regular daily preaching, the daily bedside instruction by Bible Women or Evangelists, or both, while not infrequently Christian patients speak not a few words for the Master; and the daily and nightly ministering to the sick and suffering. Of the many other things that occupy one's mind, and take much time and strength, mention need not be made. "Their name is legion."

It is pleasant to be able to report two legacies, the first ever received here, and they came within a few weeks of each other. The first, for 2,500 taels, from Mr. James Tulloch, was received last December; that is the notice came then, the money will appear in due season. The other legacy will appeal to all, as it was practically the "widow's mite." The giver was for many years a servant in a missionary's family, and several times a patient in the Hospital and a most earnest Christian. Here is a part of the letter which came with the notice of this legacy, written by the Christian gentleman to whom the money was intrusted: "Mrs. Lee Tuk tai was died on the 18th of December, and before her death she sent me a willed letter, and requested me to contribute her twenty Mexican dollars towards you Hospital." The value in gold of the above legacies would be difficult to state, since silver has been depreciating steadily for months until it is about one-third less now than it was last year, so while, as will be seen later,

our receipts have been several thousand dollars Mexican more than last year, if reckoned in gold, they will not come up to last year's amount with the Mexican dollar worth but forty cents of United States money.

In looking back it is interesting to call to mind the remarks made by several gentlemen (one American, one Chinese) concerning the location of the Hospital. Both were very able men, and knew the Chinese mind. This is what they said: "Being in the midst of a Chinese graveyard you never could expect to have many patients." At that time no houses were near the Hospital and the nearest ones occupied by a not very desirable class of people. How is it now? A veritable educational center, for the Chinese have opened a number of schools, three large schools for girls, the grounds for two of which are next to the Hospital. We are not only thankful for the schools and good families all around us, but for the trolley cars that pass our doors, and for the electric lights that shine on the road over which we must go so many times. Great have been the changes in twenty-five years.

A few figures, and this brief report will be finished; but just a word as regards opportunities for reaching the "upper classes." Almost all the visits paid have been to these "upper classes," which means people of either wealth or position, or both. Some years ago there was an article by Charles W. Warner which appeared at Christmas time, in which he said it was the rule to pray for the *poor* at this time, but he thought we ought to pray for the *rich*. Mr. Warner wrote in a jocund vein, but there was much wisdom in his remark.

The following figures may convey some idea of some of the work done for the Master:

In-patients	750
Seen in homes.....	150
Visits made in homes.....	302
Dispensary patients	51,274
New cases	31,604
Prescriptions filled	66,396

During this past year there were heavy expenses, both in connection with the Home, as well as the Hospital. It may be gratifying to know that all these expenses were met by our receipts here, these being as follows:

From foreign friends, Mexican....	\$247.00
From Chinese, contributed.....	532.00
Customs	40.00
From Chinese patients	11,923.50
Total	\$12,742.50
Or U. S. money, about.....	\$5,300.00

As was the case last year, so it has been this year, the gifts from the Chinese have been mainly "thank-offerings." This question is often asked, "Are the Chinese grateful?" After long years among them, there can be but one reply, "Yes, very, as a rule."

In concluding this, which we feel to be a very meagre report, we cannot but say "Thanks be to God for His unspeakable goodness" in bringing us through another year, and may His blessing rest on the work done, and may His name be glorified.

JAPAN—YOKOHAMA.
VACATION EXPERIENCES.

By MISS SUSAN A. PRATT.

DURING the Summer months, each student in the Bible Training School at 212 Bluff, Yokohama, Japan, has special work given her. Some continue the work in the Yokohama churches, hospitals, the Reformatory and prison and also keep up the Sunday Schools. Others go to the preaching places connected with the Bible Training-School, some assist pastors, while a number go to their own homes where many opportunities are found for Sunday School work and Bible teaching.

I have received many interesting letters from the students the past few months, and as I have a great desire to give the friends at home some idea of the work done, I will quote from a few.

The first is from Miss Nakagawa (Middle river) who went to her home in northern Japan. "Since I left the school I have been spending my time very happily with my parents, and am working with all my might in the Church. For a long time my Church had been closed, but now the Sunday School has been started, also meetings for the Christians and inquirers. This is all due to God's love and mercy and I praise Him for using me. The responsibility is great, but I always remember the teaching I have received, and am doing my best, trying to work in my own family. I think this is the most difficult work of all, but God will surely answer prayer. Please thank the American people for what they are doing for us."

In Kuki, a strong Buddhist center, we have a preaching place now under the charge of Miss Kauke, a graduate of last June. The Bible woman associated with her wrote me: "I have not written to you for some time as I was anxious to send you news that would de-

light your heart. Two people since the first of the month have come to study the Bible. They are very earnest, and are grasping the truths of Christianity. We are visiting among the homes of the people and are expecting great things from God."

About fifteen minutes' ride takes us to Kasukabe, where we have a large preaching place and a small but earnest body of believers. In charge of this work is Miss Suzuki, a truly remarkable woman of sixty-four, who finished the course of study in the Bible Training School last June. Her beautiful character and work are an inspiration to us all. During the summer Miss Uchida was with her and she wrote: "It seems like yesterday that we parted. During this time I have been taught by Jesus Christ and mean more than ever before, to give myself entirely to Him to be used for others. It is my purpose to show forth the glory of God in this world. The Sunday School here is in good condition, and we have encouraging results in our house to house work."

At the foot of Fuji is our little chapel where we have a very large Sunday School and children's work. One of our best workers is there, and in a recent letter she wrote of her enjoyment in the special meetings in the school: "You have probably heard that during the Summer my eyes troubled me so that I was not able to return to my work, but had to remain in Yokohama for treatment. This was a grief to me, and when the doctor told me I should probably lose my eyesight I felt at first I could not bear it, but finally I became resigned to God's will and promised Him that if I recovered I would work more earnestly than ever before for His glory. God heard my prayer and I became better. Up to this time I had never praised God as I should, but now my heart is filled with daily thanksgiving, for God has taught me the secret of prayer. I think this experience has made me more sympathetic with others in their sorrows. The Christians have just met and we have many plans for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom. Many of them have become more earnest and strong in faith."

From all parts of Japan, letters have come to me telling me of the interest in a new Sunday School, in Bible study and of a number in the prison who have given their hearts to God. There are open doors everywhere, and the great need now is for suitable workers to answer many requests for them. Pray that many may be raised up to fill the important places in the great harvest field.

PERSONALS.

India, Jhansi: Miss Morrison writes: One very interesting patient who occupied the New Brunswick Bed in the Mary S. A. Hoyt Hospital was Lachman Bai. She is from the far north, but her husband, a Sepoy of the 12th Pioneers, is stationed here for three years. He came to me one evening, asking if he might bring her to the Hospital and the next morning she arrived. I wish you could have seen her, for her head, neck and arms were decorated with silver chains and ornaments, making her look quite picturesque. I advised her to send the ornaments home, lest they be stolen with so many people coming and going. She was quite willing, as all she had wanted was to show them off to us. When divested of her jewelry she did not look nearly so grand, but we found her such a pleasant patient. Notwithstanding two painful operations, she was always good and quiet, never giving any extra trouble to anyone, so that we all became very fond of her. Her two children stayed with her and were such dear, funny little things. The younger, a boy of about two and a half years, had evidently never been used to wearing clothes before, and found the Hospital a great trial, as at every opportunity he used to slip them off. Lachman was with us six weeks and left quite cured to go with her husband, who had leave to visit their home in the Punjab. We trust that she may always remember the truths she was taught while with us, and thinking of them in her far-away home, may some day become willing to accept Jesus as her Saviour. The poor woman felt very grateful for all that had been done and embraced us with tears when she left. She wanted to give the nurses some money for sweets, but they refused, saying she was poor. Then she insisted on their taking at least four annas (8 cents) and one of the head nurses, instead of spending it, put it into the mite box of the Hindustani Missionary Association at the Nurses' Home, where the girls' extra pice generally find their way.

Dr. Mina McKenzie writes: "When we reach Bombay our passengers will scatter and take up their appointed task. God grant that it may be a joyous one, glorified and dignified by His presence. I have after all not really touched on those days that have fled since last I was with you. Who can tell of the things of life that deal with the soul, of the Divine Presence and His revelations day by day, or of that increasing joy which fellowship with the Master brings? It lights our faces and

gives us a joy the world knows not of. He that hath prepared all the way before me, will He not keep me from failing Him? Of all the gifts and pleasures you have given me, the greatest is this, that I have been the object of your prayers. The answers of those prayers have been a halo of goodness and sweetness around me. May I plead for them for the women and children of India to whom you send me, that I may not run ahead or linger behind, but work in harmony with His will, and that through His Spirit many may find Eternal Life?

Calcutta: Miss Easton writes: There seems to be especial interest in our *zenana* work just now. Numbers of women seem on the point of making their decision for Christ, and to be ready to confess His name in baptism.

An old publication of our Society, much used in our schools, has just been republished at considerable expense and the book fund is in consequence very low. It is much to be desired that more may become interested in this department of our work. This month there has been an unusually large distribution of tracts, largely through the Book-shop, to the passerby on our own busy thoroughfare.

The main feature of the past three weeks has been the annual examinations in the outside Hindu schools, first in the Bible, and then in the secular studies. The result has been very creditable, and that in spite of much that might have proved an excuse for a lower standard of work.

The yearly examinations are now going on in the Gardner Memorial School. The Examiner was especially loud in his praise of results in the little Sunapur school. We are fortunate in having a very good teacher in charge there, one who takes an especial interest in the children.

China, Shanghai: Miss Elizabeth Irvine writes: I have enjoyed a most interesting account of a school for deaf and dumb children, established at Chefoo, under the charge of Mrs. Mills. A young man, who is a deaf mute, whom she had trained, is now her efficient helper. A boy of ten, who had been in the school two years, can carry on an extended conversation by use of symbols and can pronounce words as distinctly as any child who hears. The Governor of Pao-ting-foo desires to open a school in that city for the deaf and dumb, and a teacher trained by Mrs. Mills will take charge of it.

HOME NOTES.

A GIANT AROUSED.

A SENTENCE from a letter of Miss Elizabeth Irvine, introduces a world-wide subject: "How fast history is being made in China during these months."

Rev. Timothy Richard, D.D., thus emphasizes what he observed in a recent mission trip: "China is passing through a great crisis, which is watched keenly by all the world, as it affects the world more deeply than the movements in any other land. Formerly coolies despised our message; now statesmen are glad to converse with us. I started from Shanghai bearing with me 500 copies of a twelve years' programme for the material, social, intellectual, and spiritual welfare of China, whereby she could be enriched for the relief of her poor, could secure immunity from internal revolutions, and external invasions, could raise an army of thinkers able to compete with the rest of the world, and could secure the highest spiritual development.

"I called on the Viceroy of Nanking, who rules some eighty millions. He had invited all the leading Mandarins and a few of the gentry, about fifty in all, to meet me. At the close of an address I presented ten copies of my book to the Viceroy, which he immediately distributed among the officials.

"Proceeding to Wuchang, I called on the Viceroy, who rules over fifty millions and is deeply concerned for the welfare of China.

"In Shansi province, where thirty years ago I with other almoners of \$300,000 raised for the greatest famine in history, suggested the building of railways, the opening of mines, the starting of new industries and modern education, as capable of averting any repetition of such a famine. After two years of famine relief, and six years of preaching I found only a few ready to reconsider the value of their civilization and to adopt some of the institutions of Christendom. To-day I find a marvelous change has taken place there. They have not forgotten the charity of foreign Christians. On arriving at the station in Taiyuenfu, near midnight, I found that all the leading officials and gentry had sent their servants with cards of welcome. I was invited to address over 2,000 students from twenty-five different schools and colleges in the capital and students from every county in the province.

"I attended our Mission Church service and found that the building cannot properly hold the congregation, so many had to stand. The people want to know the secret of our love for them. They find it in the spirit of our Saviour.

"Our Missionaries here tell me that the teachers in our Christian schools both for boys and girls are in such demand for the Government schools that they cannot supply a tithe nor a hundredth part of what is needed. What is going on in Shansi is taking place to a large extent in every province, in spite of the ignorance of the Central Government."

In this connection it is most significant to read what a Chinese gentleman thinks who knows our Mission work in Shanghai, and especially is interested in our Bridgman Memorial School.

"China has sent a Special Ambassador to America, to tender our country's grateful thanks to your nation, for returning the sum of money which we had to pay as indemnity for the trouble of 1900. China is really grateful to America, and at the present moment the relations of the two countries are more than cordial, in fact, we were never on a better understanding and friendship than now. As an individual, I know America is our best friend, for she has nothing to gain except the "Open Door," that every man or nation should have an equal chance to trade.

"China's former clamoring for Western education has somewhat abated, officials and enthusiasts having found that time and patient plodding are required, in order to gain that object. Of course, we are just as fond of procuring the "new learning" now as formerly, but it will take years and years before our countrymen can reach the goal their minds wish to obtain. China needs reform, root and branch. By combating ignorance and prejudice, and by the diffusion of Christian and general knowledge, and throwing the interior open to commerce, developing her vast mineral wealth, constructing railways from North to South, and from East to West, a new and an ideal state of things may be brought about in shape.

"Chinese inventive skill, Chinese philosophy, Chinese reverence for family ties, Chinese commercial integrity—these have been evident for centuries.

"Chinese statesmanship is not of the lowest order by any means, as can be illustrated from the history of Chinese dealings with her great

"Northern Neighbors" in years gone by, and by the manner in which the many races of China have been consolidated in the great Empire, and the names of some of China's great men rank with those of the great men of all times! A land which produces such men cannot be dealt with lightly; she is a country worthy of friendship and fair treatment from all European nations!

"There is a great future for China if she would make the object of her attention the promotion of greater friendliness between the Chinese and foreigners, and especially between Officials and Missionaries, the adoption of enlightenment and progress, the extension of the cause of truth and righteousness, the opening up of the country to Western education, commercial development and missionary enterprises.

"How may this be done? We must ask that a spirit of progress and good-will may enter into the minds of China's leaders. There is one "Divine Power" which has visited the earth and brought redemption down from Heaven to men; by this power all may obtain the spirit of progress and good-will!

"Here then is the power China needs; by it the veil which has so long hidden the "Light of Truth" from the eyes of the people will be lifted, and instead of darkness there will be light, and instead of ignorance, there will be knowledge, and instead of superstition, there will be truth! We Chinese have character, have moral power, have force of will, only the "Light of True Life" is needed to make us supremely great! As Tennyson says:

"'Tis life whereof our nerves are scant,
'Tis life, not death, for which we pant,
More light and fuller that we want."

Our educational work in Shanghai needs encouragement and support. Not only do we commend our Bridgman Memorial boarding school, which dates from 1881, to our daily prayers and regular gifts, but our four day-schools, whose growth and success have been phenomenal. Formerly where tuition was free, it is now possible to charge nominal fees. Among other necessities is the support of one Chinese teacher at \$50 a year, and gifts for Christmas and other festal occasions. A pathetic touch was given in Miss Irvine's last letter, when she told of two dilapidated dolls she attempted to make acceptable for some little Chinese maidens, who had been overlooked in a Christmas distribution. The heart of childhood is the same the world over, and

it takes so little to satisfy those who are not satiated with the luxury which surrounds American children. Will you think of them?

Remember the words of Mr. Lyon, a missionary in China: "China is not a sleeping giant and never was; but a bee-hive of industry in a closed garden. Now the walls are down and the bees roam the meadows."

THIS statement of Dr. Elliott I. Osgood, of China, is worthy of thought: "The influence of the medical work extends beyond the bounds of all other Missionary activities. No single evangelist with a corps of Chinese helpers can visit as many towns as are represented by the patients who come to a single dispensary. The work has no geographical bounds. The evangelist may be driven out of a place by fanatical mobs, but no power can stop the sick in that place from entering the Mission Hospital."

MEMORIAL.

PASSED to his heavenly home February 16, Mr. Henry Johnson. We have lost here on earth one of the most faithful and devoted of friends, who made the interests of our Union Society a subject of study, seeking by his ready co-operation and comprehensive outlook of every situation, to give us valued advice. Although Mrs. Johnson was our President from 1886 to 1906, her active service in various capacities dated from the organization of our Chicago Branch, and her husband during all these years kept our advancement steadily in view.

Rarely was a union so complete as between these two, not alone in sympathy of taste and ideals, but in devotion to the Master, whose Kingdom they sought to promote to the ends of the earth. The fine and commanding presence of Mr. Johnson, was a familiar one in our Mission Room, where his rare urbanity and kindly greetings won many friends, who realized "the mysterious attractive power of personality" as they met him. Long will we remember how gladly at our Anniversaries, he led our hymns of praise with a powerful voice, cultured to an unusual degree in the oratorios of the ages. As we think of him, we feel how suggestive are Browning's lines: "Glorified singing in the great God light."



A GLIMPSE OF 212 BLUFF.

FOR MISSION BANDS.

JOYOUS DAYS.

BY FLORENCE WELLS.

AS Christmas comes again and again, we may see many changes in surroundings and associates, but wherever we are, there is always a deepening of love and a broadening of sympathetic kindness at this season of the year. You may be in India, China, or Japan; yet if Christ is named in your midst, there lives the spirit of Christmas.

At 212 Bluff, Yokohama, preparations for Christmas began early, and the whole school learned Barnby's Carols to sing at Chapel exercises during Christmas week. It is very encouraging to see how willingly and effectively our students practice their music. The little children who came to the school in April can now read and sing almost everything in the key of C. They have two lessons a week; for one lesson O Take San gives them words and music to copy, and for the other lesson I have them sing what they have copied, and then drill from the music chart. Miss Loomis sent us a good book of motion songs, from which the little children have just learned the one about "The Cooper." Some day I hope we can have Music Readers for them, such as we use in our schools in America. I am using the Educational Music Chart and the Educational Music Readers,

but it takes them a long time to copy everything from the board.

Children in the Foreign Sunday-School brought toys, new and old, to be used as gifts for the Japanese street Sunday-School children. Anxiously we watched for the incoming mail steamers, hoping they would bring gifts for our pupils, and one day came a letter from some one, whose name was not signed, bringing enough money for the school entertainment.

Christmas eve brought the annual party for the servants and their families, who have faithfully worked for our mission for so many years. After the religious exercises, Santa Claus came in with such a full pack that there was something for each one. Among the most active in the games was old Toyo, who came for the washing the very day after Miss Crosby's arrival in Japan. She, however, will come no more, for on January thirteenth the pilgrimage of the faithful old Christian was ended.

On Christmas morning, just after daybreak, some of our teachers and students sang a carol in the lower hall, thus heralding in the glad day with song. Many of the teachers and boarding pupils had been unable to return to their homes for the holiday time; so while they were at breakfast their gifts were labeled and set in the study room where they

would see them as soon as they came in. I am sure they were glad that they had not been forgotten; and for many of them those were the only Christmas gifts received. When, during the morning, they came in little groups to see the foreigner's Christmas presents, it made me feel sad, because they had received so little, while our friends in America had sent us so many beautiful, useful things. But they bravely admired everything and I heard only once the word that means "I am envious."

In the evening at Kaigan Church several of our girls sang a carol at the Sunday-School entertainment. During the service a man was baptized, and he was none other than the husband of the graduate of our school, who was married last Fall.

Most of the children who attend the Mission Sunday Schools held by our pupils and teachers, are in the Government schools six days in the week, and Christmas week was not a holiday with them. So their Christmas had to be postponed until the following Monday, when their New Year's holiday began.

On that day all of the Sunday Schools not too far away, came here to have their Christmas; half of them in the Bible School and half in Doremus Hall. The children were proud and happy to say their verses and sing their songs. Yet, as I looked and listened, the tears filled my eyes, for the only idea of Christmas joy that most of those children have must come from outsiders, and not from their homes. How glad we are for every girl who can go to a Christian school and learn the joy of Christmas-tide so that when she is married and has her little family about her, she can make the atmosphere of Christ the spirit of Christmas.

BLIND BINDA.

By MARY FAIRBANK.

MISS SAHIBJ, when are you going away, and how long will you stay at the hills?" This came as a very surprising question from Binda, the blind boy who works around the mission premises at Jhansi, India.

"Why, Binda?" "Because I want to be baptized, and I thought that Christmas would be a very good time. But I want you here too, for I want all my *Miss Sahibs* here."

So on January 10th, after we were all together again, Binda was baptized in church, at his own request. The other servants around

the place are very fond of him, and three of those who are especially thinking of confessing Christ before men, went to the Presbyterian church in the city to see Binda baptized.

Let me tell you something of the history of this gentle blind boy, and then a little of what he is doing now. Some eight or nine years ago his father was *dhoobi* (washerman) for Dr. and Mrs. Holcomb. There were several sons in the family who gradually set up establishments of their own here and there, while this blind son remained at home. But when the old father died, in some way the mother and son found their way here. By pulling our *punkah* during the heated season, and odd jobs about the place from October to March, he has provided for both his mother and himself. In the middle of the day when other servants are gone for their food, Binda is within call. He helps carry the beds in and out, puts up the mosquito netting on them, and can make beds better than many a servant with two good eyes, and is always willing and quick.

Now he is learning to read the Primer in Hindi by the Braille system. You should see how eagerly and regularly he comes to Dr. Munro with his book carefully rolled up under his arm. We hope that he may ere long be able to read his Bible for himself. Then I am sure he may become a Catechist whose privilege it will be to lead many to Christ. Every day he attends the prayers for our servants, and it is a delight and an inspiration to read the Bible to them, for they seem to grasp its truths clearly. Especially Binda, in such a clear, picturesque way, will tell what he remembers of the lesson from the previous day. Our hearts are full of the desire that he may be able to lead many of our servants about the place to Christ. Will you not help us in praying that God will use him in bringing many into His fold?

For a time his old mother was with him, but her caste people say that she must have nothing to do with him, and she has left him all alone. Her own thought is that she must be buried as her husband was, by their caste people. She cares for nothing else. She says, "Daughter, for you are like a daughter to me, I have given my son to you, but now I only want to die and be disposed of by my own caste people." So Binda is left all alone to care for himself, and will need our prayers more than ever, but he is watched over by Him into whose keeping he has committed all—and He can keep him safe.

RECEIPTS of the Woman's Union Missionary Society of America for Heathen Lands from February 1 to February 28, 1909.

ALLAHABAD, INDIA.

Mass.—Boston Br., Miss Cora Tuxbury, Treas. Mrs. C. H. Jones, for Miss Clark's salary, 200.00; Dorchester, for converts, per Miss Wishart, Miss Briggs, 3.00; Mr. and Mrs. E. Torrey, for B. Women, 75.00, Lowell, Y. W. C. A., for work, per Miss Wishart, 5.00,	\$283.00
Conn.—Greenwich, Mrs. Merchant, for converts, per Miss Wishart, 5.00; Mrs. Foster Higgins, for Miss Wishart's work, 10.00; Mrs. A. C. Hencken, for High-Caste School, 120.00; Lyme, Mr. H. M. Hall, 5.00,	140.00
N. Y.—Brooklyn, Mr. Arthur Fraser, Life Line Mission, for day-schools, per Miss Wishart, 50.00, N. Y. City, Miss E. Ouissard, per Miss Wishart, for converts, 10.00; Mrs. M. Clarkson, for Miss G. Ali's school, 20.00,	80.00
N. J.—Morristown, Mrs. F. W. Owen, for salary Mrs. Emerson, 90.00; Miss E. M. Graves, salary Mrs. Emerson, 50.00. Newark Aux., Mrs. R. H. Allen, Treas., "Girls' Mission Band of Chatham," for support of Faith, 20.00,	160.00
Pa.—Johnstown, Dr. B. T. Caldwell, for Chameli, 5.00; Phila., S. C. H. C., 5.00,	10.00
Mich.—Detroit, Y. W. C. A., Miss V. Gladewitz, 5.00, Miss Matilda Kiefer, 10.00; Miss Mina Gutekunst, 5.00, for Miss Bertsch; Friends, Messiah Lutheran Ch., for Miss Bertsch's salary, 17.00,	37.00
Total,	\$710.00

CALCUTTA.

Mass.—Boston, Miss Susan Upham, scholarship in Gardner School, 50.00, Dorchester, Mr. E. Torrey, 100.00; Mrs. E. Torrey, 50.00, for three scholarships,	\$200.00
Conn.—New Haven, Mrs. F. B. Dexter, for Theodosia scholarship,	40.00
N. Y.—Brooklyn, Primary Dept. Bedford Pres. Bible Sch., Mr. H. W. Drake, Treas., for girl in orphanage 30.00, Saratoga Springs, Mrs. L. M. Kortright, for Sunami, 10.00,	40.00
N. J.—Slackwood, Union S. S., Mrs. W. J. Gray, Treas., for orphan,	5.00
Pa.—Williamsport, "What We Can Circle," Y. W. C. A., Mrs. O. A. Pidcock, Treas., for Elizabeth,	6.25
III.—Winnetka, Mrs. J. R. Leonard, for Punkaquini and Minnie Nay,	100.00
Wis.—Milwaukee, State Norm. Sch. Students, Mr. Thomas Campion, Treas. of Fund, for support of Kamalius,	11.00
Total,	\$402.25

CAWNPORE.

Mass.—Dorchester, Mrs. E. Torrey, for child,	\$20.00
N. Y.—Brooklyn, Miss F. Hannan, for child, 5.00; Mrs. C. Patterson, for Muni, 20.00,	25.00
N. J.—Westfield, W. For. M. Soc., Ref. E. Ch., Miss M. V. Hammer, Treas., Y. P. S. C. E. (Scranton, Pa.), for Jane,	20.00
Pa.—Germantown, E. W. N., for orphan, 20.00, Westchester, Miss C. Shee, for Dulari, 1.00,	21.00
Cal.—Pasadena, The Misses Munger, per Miss M. C. Lathrop, for Ruth Lalli's support,	20.00
Total,	\$106.00

FATEHPUR.

Mass.—Boston Br., Mrs. Frederick May (Washington, D. C.), per Miss M. B. Mears, In Memory of a Beloved Daughter, for Miss May's work, 50.00, Dorchester, Parish Aid and Miss. Soc., St. Mary's Epis. Ch., Mrs. G. A. Jones, Treas., for Miss May's work, 10.00,	\$60.00
N. Y.—Brooklyn, Mrs. J. M. Van Cott, special for Miss May,	2.00
N. J.—Morristown, Miss E. M. Graves, for dispensary,	100.00
Total,	\$162.00

JHANSI.

N. Y.—N. Y. City, Estate of Ezra P. Hoyt, Dr. J. Ackerman Coles, ex., \$150.00	
Pa.—Shippensburg, State Norm. Sch., S. S. coll., Miss A. V. Horton, Treas.	
9.14	
Total,	\$159.14

SHANGHAI CHINA.

N. Y.—Brooklyn, Miss H. E. Forbes, for M. W. Hospital,	\$5.00
N. J.—Jersey City, Mrs. L. A. Opdyke, for girl in Bridgeman Home,	10.00
Total,	\$15.00

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN.

N. Y.—Binghamton, Y. P. S. C. E., West Pres. Ch., per Mrs. F. S. Bronson, for six months' salary Miss Nakagawa, 30.00, Brooklyn, Brooklyn Br., for S. S., 5.00; A Friend, 10.00, both for Miss Pratt, Corona, Leverich Mem'l Bd., Mrs. M. Le Fort, Treas., for Bible Woman, 15.00, N. Y. City, Miss J. Van Vorst, salary Miss Loomis, 300.00; Friends, salary Miss Pratt, 300.00,	\$660.00
N. J.—Morristown, Y. W. Miss. Soc., South St. Pres. Ch., Mrs. F. Eaton, Treas., for S. S. work,	10.00
Md.—Baltimore, Mrs. M. W. Gisriel, for Bible Woman,	60.00
Ky.—Owingsville, Mrs. R. A. Walton, for Elizabeth Barnes Walton Mem'l scholarship,	50.00
Total,	\$780.00

GENERAL FUND.

Mass.—Boston Br., Mrs. E. Crosby's coll., Miss J. N. Gould, 1.00; Mrs. Walter Baker Mem'l Band, Miss E. B. Sharp, Treas., Mrs. E. E. Bradford, 5.00; Mrs. W. H. Turner, 3.00; Mrs. W. L. Wales, 2.00; Mrs. H. T. Todd, 3.00; the Misses Wilder, 2.00; Miss Sharp, 1.00; an. subs., Mrs. Arthur Beebe, 100.00; Mrs. J. M. Clark, 1.00; Mrs. J. F. Dunton, 1.00; Mrs. L. C. Norton, 1.00; Miss Evelyn Dix, 1.00; Mrs. H. T. Todd, 1.00; Miss A. J. Mulford, 1.00; Mrs. J. M. Hubbard, 5.00, Dorchester, Mr. E. Torrey, 300.00; Mrs. E. Torrey, 130.00; Lowell, Y. W. C. A., per Miss Wishart, for traveling expenses, 2.97,	\$560.97
Conn.—New Haven, Mrs. F. B. Dexter's coll., The Misses Bradley, 6.00; Mrs. T. G. Bennett, 35.00; Mrs. F. B. Dexter, 15.00; Miss D. M. Dexter, 2.00; Mrs. J. M. Dwight, 3.00; Mrs. D. C. Eaton, 2.00; Miss E. W. Farnam, 10.00; Mrs. S. Harris, 2.00; Mrs. J. S. Hotchkiss, 2.00; Miss Rose Munger, 2.00; Miss Scranton, 10.00; Mrs. E. Whitney, 10.00; J. D. Wheeler, 20.00; South Norwalk, Mrs. H. L. Southmayd, 5.10,	124.10

N. Y.—Amsterdam, Mrs. J. A. C. Harmon, 5.00; Brooklyn, Mrs. J. M. Van Cott, 1.00; N. Y. City, Mrs. D. I. Reynolds, for printing, 2.00; Mrs. Davies Coxe, freight fund, 10.00; Mrs. J. M. Farr, an. subs., 20.00; Plattsburg, Mrs. M. P. Myers, 10.00. 48 00

Total, \$733 07

JUBILEE FUND.

Conn.—Waterbury, A. C. Beach, \$2 00
N. Y.—N. Y. City, A Friend, 5.00; Mrs. H. L. Pierson, 50.00, 55 00
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Allahabad,	\$710 00
Calcutta,	402 25
Cawnpore,	236 00
Fatehpur,	169 00
Jhansi,	174 14
China,	15 00
Japan,	1,065 00
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Jubilee Fund,	157 00
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